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SUPDATA: SEE REF. CASUSTAIN-5 ON 23 OCT 71 FROM CONVERSATION
WITH NVN DELEGATES IN HAMBURG HOTEL FOLLOWING 22 OCT
HEARING. WERKMEISTER (IIVS), EWERT AND MERZ (HAMBURG
LANDESFRIEDENSKOMMITTEE) AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS
HAMBURG HEARING (REPORTED BY SEPARATE CHANNELS) ALSO
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COUNTRY: WEST GERMANY/SOUTH VIETNAM/NORTH VIETNAM

DOI : 23 OCTOBER 1971

SUBJECT: 1. COMMENTS OF WOMEN'S GROUP FROM NORTH VIETNAM (DRV)
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION OFFICE
OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH
VIETNAM (PRG) IN WEST GERMANY.
2. REFUSAL OF WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE VISAS
TO A PRG TRADE UNION DELEGATION.

ACQ : GERMANY, HAMBURG (23 OCTOBER 1971) EGG-1763

SOURCE : A WEST GERMAN COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEE WITH GOOD CONTACTS
IN LEFTIST CIRCLES IN HAMBURG. HE HAS REPORTED
RELIABLY FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HIS
ACCESS. HE OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION FROM AN
INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FRANK
WERKMEISTER IN PLANNING "INDOCHINA HEARINGS" IN WEST
GERMANY.

1. ON 23 OCTOBER 1971 MEMBERS OF A WOMEN'S DELEGATION FROM

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THE DRV VISITING WEST GERMANY COMMENTED THEY EXPECTED A PRG INFORMATION OFFICE TO BE OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED IN BONN AFTER THE 1973 WEST GERMAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS IF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) REMAINS IN POWER AND HAS A GOOD LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY. THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION, CONSISTING OF VO THI T H E - PROFESSOR OF LITERATURE AND MEMBER OF THE VIETNAM WOMEN'S UNION, NGUYEN THI N H U - DOCTOR OF GYNECOLOGY, AND LE THI H U O N G - DOCTOR OF CHEMISTRY, SPENT TWO WEEKS IN WEST GERMANY AT THE INVITATION OF THE "WEST GERMANY WOMEN'S PEACE MOVEMENT". THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION ATTENDED AN "INDOCHINA HEARING" HELD AT THE HAMBURG UNIVERSITY ON 22 OCTOBER 1971 AND DEPARTED FOR EAST BERLIN ON 23 OCTOBER. THEIR REMARKS CONCERNING A PRG INFORMATION OFFICE WERE MADE IN A SMALL GATHERING OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH PLANNING THE HAMBURG "HEARING". PENDING THE ELECTIONS, PROPAGANDA PREPARATIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION OFFICE ARE TO CONTINUE. (FIELD COMMENT: THE DEMAND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION OFFICE WAS A MAIN THEME OF VARIOUS SPEAKERS AT THE 22 OCTOBER HAMBURG "INDOCHINA HEARING", AND A PETITION CALLING FOR SUCH AN OFFICE WAS CIRCULATED DURING THE RALLY.)

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2. ACCORDING TO FRANK W E R K M E I S T E R, MEMBERS OF A PRG TRADE UNION DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO ATTEND VARIOUS "INDOCHINA HEARINGS" THROUGHOUT WEST GERMANY HAVE BEEN DENIED VISAS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. (FIELD COMMENT: TDCSDB-315/06109-71 AND EGG-1759 REPORTED ON THE ROLE OF WERKMEISTER, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR VIETNAM SOLIDARITY (IIVS), IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WEST GERMAN AUTHORITIES AND THE PRG FOR THE RELEASE OF A CAPTURED WEST GERMAN AID OFFICIAL. THE PRG MADE HIS RELEASE CONDITIONAL ON THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO THE TRADE UNION DELEGATES.) THE PRG DELEGATION IS CURRENTLY IN EAST BERLIN AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS. WERKMEISTER AND OTHER SPONSORS OF THE ONGOING "INDOCHINA HEARINGS" WILL USE THE MEETINGS AS A PROPAGANDA FORUM TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE THE VISAS. (FIELD COMMENT: ACCORDING TO AN IIVS PRESS RELEASE DATED 21 OCTOBER 1971 THE PRG TRADE UNION DELEGATES ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HARBOR WORKERS IN HAMBURG AND KIEL, WITH THE GENERAL INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL (GESAMTBETRIEBSRAT) OF THE MANNESMANN STEEL COMPANY IN DIUSBERG, AND WITH THE WEST GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION IN HEIDELBERG. THE PRG UNION

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REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND A TRADE UNION
CONFERENCE FOR THE PRINTING AND PAPER INDUSTRY SCHEDULED TO BE
HELD IN NURNBERG ON 30 OCTOBER. ON 25 OCTOBER THE EAST
GERMAN ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED THAT THE PRG TRADE
UNION DELEGATES HAD BEEN DENIED WEST GERMAN VISAS, BUT SAID
NOTHING ABOUT THE DELEGATES BEING IN EAST BERLIN.

3. FIELD DISSEM: NONE (SENT ☐)

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